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CASE ON/4-32744A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
JOSEPH ALEXANDER LASKY
APPLICATION NO: 10/532,297
FILED: AUGUST 24, 2005

Art Unit: 1614
Examiner: Graffeo, Michel

FOR: USE OF N-{5-[4-(4-METHYLPIPERAZIOMETHYL)-
BENZOYLAMIDO]-2-METHYLPHENYL}-4-(3-PYRIDYL)-2-
PYRIDINE-AMINE FOR THE TREATMENT OF PULMONARY
HYPERTENSION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of July 27, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on August 27, 2006. A five-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$2160 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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